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SUBJ: DATE FOR TALKING MTN OFFERS

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1. IN JANUARY 19 MEETING WITH DR YAACOV COHEN, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN TRADE OF THE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM, THE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF
ISRAEL'S GATT AND MTN RELATIONS, EMOFF WAS INFORMED THAT
ISRAEL WILL NOT RPT NOT TABLE ANY OFFERS AT MTN. IN TURN,
ISRAEL EXPECTS THAT US WILL NOT TABLE ANY REQUESTS FOR DUTY
REDUCTIONS FROM ISRAEL IN ITS MTN PROPOSALS.

2. ELABORATING, COHEN EXPLAINED THAT ISRAEL WISHED TO BE
CONSIDERED A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE
MTN. DURING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
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BLUMENTHAL, BOTH COUNTRIES HAD AGREED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. ISRAEL BELIEVES
THAT IT HAS ALREADY MADE AN ADEQUATE CONTRIBUTION TO
THE MTN BY NEGOTIATING A 1975 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
US ON REDUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN IMPORTS FROM THE US ON AN
MFN BASIS AND BECAUSE IT REDUCED MOST AD VALOREM
DUTIES BY 20 PERCENT AS A RESULT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC

POLICY ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 28, 1977.

3. COMMENT: ISRAEL OBVIOUSLY FEELS IT HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED ENOUGH DUTY REDUCTIONS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY IN THE MTN. THIS POSITION NO DOUBT STRENGTHENED BY FACT THAT ISRAEL'S MANUFACTURED EXPORTS ALREADY ENJOY DUTY FREE ENTRY INTO THE EC AND THE US. WHILE ISRAEL WILL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ITS GENEVA DELEGATION AT THE JANUARY 23 MEETING, IT WILL NOT BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW (PARAGRAPH 5, REFTEL B). LEWIS

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